

## General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 5420

February Session, 2004

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## AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY SECURITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2004) (a) There is established
- 2 an Office of Energy Security which shall be responsible for developing
- and coordinating policies to protect the public utility infrastructure.
- 4 Such office shall be within the Department of Public Utility Control for
- 5 administrative purposes only.
- 6 (b) The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly, shall
- appoint a person with experience in matters relating to securing public
- 8 facilities against sabotage or attack to serve as the director of the Office
- 9 of Energy Security. Said director shall serve for a term of five years.
- 10 Said director may, within available funds, appoint such staff as he or
- 11 she deems necessary. The General Assembly may annually
- 12 appropriate such sums as necessary for the payment of the salaries of
- 13 the staff and for the payment of office expenses and actual expenses
- incurred by the Office of Energy Security.
- 15 (c) The Office of Energy Security may, with regard to matters
- 16 relating to the safety and security of the public utility infrastructure:
- 17 (1) Appear in and participate in any regulatory or judicial 18 proceedings;

- 19 (2) Appeal from a decision, order or authorization in any state 20 regulatory proceeding, notwithstanding its failure to appear or 21 participate in said proceeding;
- 22 (3) Act as a liaison between the state, the federal government, the 23 regional independent system operator, as defined in section 16-1 of 24 the general statutes, as amended, and public service companies, as 25 defined in said section 16-1;
  - (4) Recommend changes in state and federal policies;
- 27 (5) Conduct programs of public education; and
- 28 (6) Organize industry-wide or regional efforts to coordinate security 29 measures.
- 30 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2004) Not later than October 1, 2004, 31 and biennially thereafter, each electric distribution company, as 32 defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, as amended, shall 33 submit a report to the Department of Public Utility Control, regarding 34 its efforts, whether independent or in cooperation with other electric 35 distribution companies, to maintain access to replacement parts for its 36 facilities that are typically difficult to find, and to reduce redundancy 37 in the electric power grid.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004
Sec. 2	July 1, 2004

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